

## Changes for Teams

Regarding Section 5.2.1:

TRR shall employ “open practice” where teams may report to the queue at any time, and matches will be run on approximately 10 minute intervals. No practice match schedule will be generated.

Regarding Section 5.3.1:

The qualification match schedule will be generated by 11:30am. Teams in the first three matches of the day will be informed *at or shortly after* the driver’s meeting, which occurs during match schedule generation. Full match schedules will be published and distributed during lunch.

Amend <G27> to read:

Strategies aimed at and/or game play resulting in the damage or destruction of opponent ROBOTS or inhibition of opponent ROBOT function via actions such as high-speed ramming, attachment, tipping, or entanglement of ROBOTS are not allowed.

Add <G27-a>:

Bumper-to-Bumper interaction shall not be penalized under <G27>

Amend the definition of ASSIST to read:

ASSISTS are earned when an ALLIANCE ROBOT POSSESSES the ALLIANCE’S BALL in any ZONE (i.e. red, white, or blue ZONE) during a CYCLE. Each ROBOT on an ALLIANCE is eligible to earn one ASSIST per CYCLE.

(Strike the remainder of that paragraph)

Amend <T13> to read:

If a TEAM needs clarification on a ruling or score, one (1) and only one pre-college student from that TEAM should address Competition Staff after the ARENA reset signal (i.e. PLAYER STATION LED strings turn green). A TEAM member signals their desire to speak with the Competition Staff by standing in a Red or Blue Question Box, which are located on the floor near each end of the scoring table. Depending on timing, the Competition Staff may postpone any requested discussion until the end of the subsequent MATCH.

Amend <T17> to read:

If an ALLIANCE wishes to call a TIMEOUT during Quarterfinals, they must submit their TIMEOUT coupon to the Head Referee within two (2) minutes of the ARENA reset signal preceding their MATCH. Once a TIMEOUT coupon is submitted and accepted by the Head Referee, the TIMEOUT coupon may not be withdrawn by the ALLIANCE.

Add <T17-a> to read:

During Semifinals and Finals, ALLIANCES may not call TIMEOUT. Instead, there will be a mandatory 6 minute TIMEOUT following each round of play. (i.e. SF 1-1 will be played, followed by SF 2-1, then there will be a 6 minute timeout before SF 1-2 is played.)

Scratch <T20>.

Regarding Section 5.4.1:

Elimination Alliances shall consist of four teams. The Alliance Selection pick order is 1-8, 8-1, 8-1. No further changes to alliance selection. (i.e. Alliance Captains are the teams ranked 1 through 8 at the end of qualifications. Alliance captains in the top 8 may select any available team. Teams that decline an invitation cannot be selected by another alliance captain.)

Regarding Section 5.4.2:

No backup robots during eliminations at TRR. An alliance may use any of their four robots to play the eliminations match. There is no requirement that all four teams in the alliance play during eliminations.

### **Clarifications for Teams**

There will be no formal inspection at TRR. However, event staff may spot check robots for rules compliance. Expect starting configuration to be checked at the start of matches. Rule <T7> still applies at TRR.

Clarification on <G25>: Blockading the field shall mean the static positioning of ROBOTS and/or ROBOT mechanisms so as to prevent the passage of other ROBOTS. A strategy that involves robot-to-robot interaction to restrict the movement of an opponent robot in a non-static way shall not be considered "blockading".

Clarification on <G12-D>: Isolation shall refer to the ball, not to robots. Generally speaking, if there is an open path to an alliance's ball, regardless of how serpentine, the ball shall not be deemed "isolated" by the opponent's alliance. The path will have to be sufficiently wide for a robot to pass.

Regarding bumper color during eliminations:

Color depends on the bracket you come from, not your overall seed. We will provide a document that describes bumper color during eliminations as part of the information provided to you at registration on Friday, August 1.

(See:

[https://docs.google.com/a/alumni.virginia.edu/presentation/d/14dS\\_Yi-4J9X86QfWNRb0w1k3F6D\\_ZQQgYr0WNxPNxN8/edit#slide=id.p\\_](https://docs.google.com/a/alumni.virginia.edu/presentation/d/14dS_Yi-4J9X86QfWNRb0w1k3F6D_ZQQgYr0WNxPNxN8/edit#slide=id.p_))